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The Office Action of October 17, 2003 enclosed copies of the INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS BY APPLICANT Form PTO-1449 dated May 25, 2001, Form PTO-149 dated June 11, 2001 and Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B dated August 2, 2002 with the Examiner's initials in the left column next to each cited publication (except for JP 63-247656 in the May 25, 2001 Form PTO-1449).

On the copy of the May 25, 2001 Form PTO-1449 that was enclosed with the October 17, 2003 Office Action, the Examiner drew a line across JP 63-247656 and wrote "not present in

application." It is respectfully requested that JP 63-247656 be considered and made of record, since JP 63-247656 was cited in the International Search Report (which was in English) that was enclosed with the INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT filed on May 25, 2001.

The Examiner's attention is directed to page 600-122 of the MPEP in Section 609, wherein the following is stated:

"Where the information listed is not in the English language, but was cited in a search report or other action by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance can be satisfied by submitting an English-language version of the search report or action which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. This may be an explanation of which portion of the reference is particularly relevant, to which claims it applies, or merely an 'X', 'Y', or 'A' indication on a search report."

A copy of Form PTO-1449 dated May 25, 2001 is enclosed.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to provide a copy of the Form PTO-1449 dated May 25, 2001 with the Examiner's initials in the left column next to each publication, including JP 63-247656.

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